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The Honorable Sandy Decker
Mayor of the City of Evansville
31 South Madison Street
Evansville, Wisconsin 53536

Dear Mayor Decker:

I want to congratulate your community on its application to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS). The Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), has verified that the voluntary actions undertaken by your community exceed the minimum standards of the NFIP and meet the criteria for a CRS Class 7 rating. The floodplain management activities implemented by your community qualify it for a 15 percent discount in the premium cost of flood insurance for NFIP policies issued or renewed in Special Flood Hazard Areas on or after May 1, 2010. This savings is a tangible result of the flood mitigation activities your community implements to protect lives and reduce property damage. I am enclosing the field verification report showing the results of your application review for your records.

Please note Preferred Risk Policies, applicable in Zones B, C, and X, on your community's NFIP Flood Insurance Rate Map are not eligible for the CRS discount. Standard rated flood insurance policies in Zones B, C, X, D, AR, and A99 are limited to a CRS discount of ten percent in Class 1-6 communities and five percent in Class 7-9 communities. The rates for these zones already reflect significant premium reductions.

If there are no NFIP noncompliance actions, the CRS rating for your community will automatically be renewed annually and a notification letter will not be sent to your community. This renewal will occur as long as your community continues to implement the CRS activities you certify each October. If no additional modifications or new CRS activities are added, the next verification visit for your community will be in accordance with its established five-year cycle or three-year cycle for CRS Class 5 or better communities. In the interim, FEMA will periodically send the *NFIP/CRS Update* Newsletter and other notices to your CRS Coordinator to keep your community informed.

I commend you on your community actions and your determination to lead your community to be more disaster resistant. This commitment enhances public safety, property protection, and protects the natural functions of floodplains, and reduces flood insurance premiums.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the FEMA Region V Office, CRS Coordinator, John Devine, by telephone at (312) 408-5568.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandra K. Knight".

Sandra K. Knight, PhD, PE
Deputy Federal Insurance and
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Enclosure

cc: Dan Wietecha, CRS Coordinator